

CITY OF LEWISTON

CITY COUNCIL

JULY 7, 2026

REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL ROOM AT 7:00 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT CHITTIM, PRESIDING.

PRESENT: Councilors Nagine, Longchamps, Harriman, Roy, Noble, Chittim, and Martel, City Administrator Bryan Kaenrath, Deputy City Administrator Brian O'Malley, and City Clerk Kathleen Montejo. Absent/Excused: Mayor Sheline

EXECUTIVE SESSION

VOTE (236-2026)

Motion by Councilor Nagine, seconded by Councilor Harriman:

To enter into an Executive Session pursuant to MRSA Title 1, section 405(6) (A) and (E) to discuss a legal matter with the City Attorney. Passed - Vote 7-0

Executive Session began at 6:40pm and ended at 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

VOTE (237-2026)

Motion by Councilor Nagine, seconded by Councilor Martel:

To dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meetings of June 2 and 16, 2026, and to accept and place them on file as prepared by the City Clerk. Passed - Vote 7-0

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Eryn Soule, Ward 5 – Thank you to Councilors of Wards 2 and 7 for demanding public safety and follow up. People who live in Ward 5 want safety first as well. Bret Martel, Ward 7 – Submitted an agenda item for the meeting agenda but it was blocked and not added. The Council previously declared that an anti-ICE ordinance was an emergency but refused to determine this agenda item addressing youth gun violence is one. The Mayor has no desire to act. ICE is in town based upon Facebook posts. Mayor and Councilor of Ward 3 want businesses to start yelling at law enforcement. The Council held a meeting on safety but did not take any action to follow up. LPD does a great job, but the Council needs to focus on prevention. Marcel Leclair, Ward 5 – Disappointed with leadership of Mayor and Council. Ward 2 and 7 begged to bring in National Guard. Ward 5 Councilor said residents don't want outside help, but they do, and it is needed. Amy Smit, Ward 3 – Member of the Planning Board. Thanked the Council for their service, know a lot work hard to review material. Council needs to reach out to committee members for help. Ronnie Paradis, Ward 6 – Why isn't the Public Health Committee coming to the Council to advise them on various matters? Council needs to reach out to the city committees and ask for their advice, use the volunteers to do the work. Seniors Plus should help seniors get transportation. Melissa Dunn, Blake St. – Last Tuesday's meeting was a dangerous call to have

the National Guard patrol the streets of our community. White supremacists and white nationalists will target community members. The comments were racist and inflammatory; threats of federal violence.

VOTE (238-2026)

Motion by Councilor Longchamps, seconded by Councilor Nagine:

To suspend the Council Rules and extend public comment beyond the 18-minute limit as set by the Rules. Passed - Vote 7-0

Nathan Pearl, Lewiston – Need to analyze corruption and fraud. There are 800,000 unhoused residents in the United States. Panhandling is increasing. Build skyscrapers, not missiles. Siri Cressey, Ward 5 – At least one Councilor called for the National Guard for control in Lewiston. That would be catastrophic, calling upon soldiers to go after children. Remember the Kent State massacre. There must be a better way. Martin Chartrand, Ward 3 – It is sad about the gun violence in youth. Move to a non-violent approach and repair the situation, not add more harm. Media has sensationalized the issue. Black youth are charged at disproportionate rates using the “school to prison” pipeline in underfunded schools. Youth compare video games to real life to seek attention and approval. Actions are dehumanizing black youth. Lisa Jones, Ward 2 – Thank goodness for Flock cameras, PD said solving crimes. Been one week since pointless 4-hour meeting that ended with no action, Council must not want to do anything to solve issue of youth gun violence. Mayor is tone-deaf, made a post about fascism over July 4th weekend. Mayor wants to wait until after election to do anything. Andrew Jones, Ward 2 – There is a sidebar conversation between Harriman and Chittim – be transparent and tell everyone what you are talking about. Councilor Martel was right, the Council previously said the anti-ICE ordinance was an emergency but they refused to call his agenda item an emergency, but it was enough of an emergency last week when the Council held an “emergency” meeting to hear speakers on the topic. Councilor Harriman, as a member of the Legislature, could have pledged to bring this issue to Augusta to get help but he did not say a word. Ifraax Saciid-Ciise, Ward 2 – Lewiston is the youngest city in Maine with the most youth. People are not supporting youth. Summer school is kicking kids out. Need to build relationships with youth. Can school stop kicking kids out into the streets? The city has been dealing with gun violence for a long time, same issue every summer but the media wants to make a big deal about it this year. Need to stop blaming youth but invest in them. Robert Glaspy, Ward 6 – Gets more and more frustrated with every meeting he attends. Encourage those who have ability to solve them to keep going. Things are so divided, so polarized. No solution comes from finger-pointing. Please continue to do work. Matt Agren, Ward 4 – We are one Lewiston, but a culture of violence, 13-year-olds and 14-year-olds are carrying guns and shooting at each other. This is nationwide and not just Lewiston. Ward 2 Councilor said her mother is afraid to leave her home because she might get shot. Where are the guns coming from, local or away?

CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

The Cart to Curb program will launch soon and more public information sessions are scheduled. The Library has started a new program with Woodlands Memory Care proving monthly book deliveries to aim to improve quality of life. If successful, will expand. Trees are being planted in the tree streets. The Beyond the Badge event will happen on July 23, everyone is welcome to

attend to meet police officers, firefighters, EMTs from United Ambulance and Life Flight. Seniors Plus received a \$30,000 grant to build a computer lab to benefit older residents. The Maine MILL Museum held its grand opening last week.

AMENDMENT TO THE TRAFFIC SCHEDULE TO ADD SECTION 55, PARKING PROHIBITED DAY OF DESIGNATED TRASH COLLECTION, EVEN NUMBERED SIDE AND SECTION 56, PARKING PROHIBITED DAY OF DESIGNATED TRASH COLLECTION, ODD NUMBERED SIDE

VOTE (239-2026)

Motion by Councilor Harriman, seconded by Councilor Nagine:

To approve an amendment to the Traffic Schedule to create Section 55, Parking Prohibited Day of Designated Trash Collection, Even Numbered Side and Section 56, Parking Prohibited Day of Designated Trash Collection, Odd Numbered Side, as outlined on the attached vote sheet.

Passed - Vote 7-0

AMENDMENT TO THE TRAFFIC SCHEDULE TO REMOVE THE TWO DESIGNATED PARKING SPOTS ON BATES STREET AS NOTED IN SECTION 34 PARKING RESERVED CITY OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES

VOTE (240-2026)

Motion by Councilor Harriman, seconded by Councilor Nagine:

To approve an amendment to the Traffic Schedule to remove two designated police only parking at 292 Bates Street, as outlined on the attached vote sheet. Passed - Vote 7-0

ORDER, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF MUNICIPAL QUITCLAIM DEED FOR REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 38 LARRABEE ROAD

VOTE (241-2026)

Motion by Councilor Harriman, seconded by Councilor Nagine:

To approve the Order, Authorizing Execution of Municipal Quitclaim Deed for Real Estate located at 38 Larrabee Road:

Whereas, the former owners, Ronald Chartier and Amy Chartier, failed to pay their bills on a timely basis for 38 Larrabee Road (Tax Map 139, Lot 19, Parcel 00-013472); and

Whereas, a stormwater lien was filed on December 6, 2013 (Book 8830 Page 180) and matured on June 5, 2015, in the amount of \$104.78; and

Whereas, a stormwater lien was filed on December 22, 2015 (Book 9282 Page 137) and matured on June 24, 2017, in the amount of \$92.52; and

Whereas, a stormwater lien was filed on March 25, 2016 (Book 9337 Page 150) and matured on September 25, 2017, in the amount of \$92.86; and

Whereas, payment has been received.

Now, Therefore, Be It Ordered by the City Council of the City of Lewiston, that a quitclaim deed is hereby authorized to release the City's interest in the property located at 38 Larrabee Road to the owner.

Passed - Vote 7-0

ORDER, APPROVING THE DISPOSITION OF 71 BRIGHAM STREET

VOTE (242-2026)

Motion by Councilor Harriman, seconded by Councilor Nagine:

To approve the Order, Approving the Disposition of 71 Brigham Street:

Whereas, the City Council voted to sell the tax acquired parcel located at 71 Brigham Street at their 2/25/2020 meeting and

Whereas, the City received an offer for the parcel through the City's Realtor DuBois Realty; and

Whereas, Doreen and Joseph Valecko and Adam Rivard offered \$4,000 for 71 Brigham Street

Now, Therefore, Be It Ordered by the City Council of the City of Lewiston, to approve the disposition of 71 Brigham Street and authorize the City Administrator to execute all necessary legal documents.

Passed - Vote 7-0

ORDER, APPROVING THE DISPOSITION OF 1 CARVER STREET

VOTE (243-2026)

Motion by Councilor Harriman, seconded by Councilor Nagine:

To approve the Order, Approving the Disposition of 1 Carver Street:

Whereas, the City Council voted to sell the tax acquired parcel located at 1 Carver Street at their 2/25/2020 meeting, and

Whereas, the City received an offer for the parcel through the City's Realtor DuBois Realty; and

Whereas, Doreen and Joseph Valecko and Adam Rivard offered \$4,000 for 1 Carver Street

Now, Therefore, Be It Ordered by the City Council of the City of Lewiston, to approve the disposition of 1 Carver Street and authorize the City Administrator to execute all necessary legal documents.

Passed - Vote 7-0

ORDER, APPROVING THE DISPOSITION OF 9 CERES AVENUE

VOTE (244-2026)

Motion by Councilor Harriman, seconded by Councilor Nagine:

To approve the Order, Approving the Disposition of 9 Ceres Avenue:

Whereas, the City Council voted to sell the tax acquired parcel located at 9 Ceres Avenue at their 2/25/2020 meeting and

Whereas, the City received an offer for the parcel through the City's Realtor DuBois Realty; and

Whereas, Aron Epps offered \$500 for 9 Ceres Avenue

Now, Therefore, Be It Ordered by the City Council of the City of Lewiston, to approve the disposition of 9 Ceres Avenue and authorize the City Administrator to execute all necessary legal documents.

Passed - Vote 7-0

APPOINTMENTS TO THE LEWISTON-AUBURN TRANSIT COMMITTEE

VOTE (245-2026)

Motion by Councilor Harriman, seconded by Councilor Nagine:

To appoint Deputy City Administrator Brian O'Malley to serve as a member of the Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee for a three year term, said term to expire June 30, 2029, and said appointment to be retroactive to July 1, 2026; and to appoint Walter Shostak as a member of the Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee for a three year term, said term to expire June 30, 2029, and said appointment to be retroactive to July 1, 2026. Passed - Vote 7-0

AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT TRANSFER OF FORFEITURE FUNDS

VOTE (246-2026)

Motion by Councilor Harriman, seconded by Councilor Nagine:

That pursuant to Title 15, Maine Revised Statutes Annotated, Section 5824(3) and Section 5822(4)(A), the City Council hereby acknowledges and approves:

- 1) the transfer of \$2,105.00 or any portion thereof, in the case of the State of Maine vs. co-defendants Matthew Laurelez, ANDCD-CR-2021-02183 Court Records and Cassandra Crain, ANDCD-CR-2021-02171 Court Records,
- 2) the transfer of \$482.00 or any portion thereof, in the case of the State of Maine vs. Clayton Chapman III, ANDCD-CR-2022-01959 Court Records,
- 3) the transfer of \$7,231.00 or any portion thereof, in the case of the State of Maine vs. Michael Alexander, ANDCD-CRM-2025-01625 Court Records,
- 4) the transfer of \$1,049.00 or any portion thereof, in the case of the State of Maine vs. Brian Cormier, ANDCD-CR-2023-01925 Court Records,

being funds forfeited pursuant to the court process. It is further acknowledged that these funds shall be credited to the 'City of Lewiston Drug Enforcement Program' account.

Passed - Vote 7-0

**RECEIPT OF CITY CLERK'S REPORT REGARDING VALID SIGNATURES FOR
THE CITIZEN INITIATIVE PETITION REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
TO THE SYRINGE SERVICE PROGRAM ORDINANCE**

Eight residents spoke and encouraged the Council to send the proposed ordinance amendments to the voters on a ballot in November. One resident spoke in support of the current language noting it prevents the spread of disease.

VOTE (247-2026)

Motion by Councilor Martel, seconded by Councilor Longchamps:

To accept the City Clerk's report regarding verified petition signatures for the petition to amend the Syringe Service Program ordinance. Passed - Vote 7-0

VOTE (248-2026)

Motion by Councilor Longchamps, seconded by Councilor Nagine:

To send these amendments to a citizen referendum on the November 2026 ballot.
Passed - Vote 7-0

**PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED INCREASE IN WATER RATES AND
APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO POLICY MANUAL 69 REGARDING THE
WATER RATES AND CHANGES**

Council President Chittim opened the hearing to receive public comment and input. No members of the public spoke for or against this issue. The Council President then closed the hearing.

VOTE (249-2026)

Motion by Councilor Nagine, seconded by Councilor Martel:

To approve the proposed amendments to Policy Manual 69, Water Rates, as outlined in the attached vote sheet, as recommended by the Public Works Director, Finance Director and the City Administrator:

In accordance with Maine Revised Statutes Annotated, Title 35-A, Section 6104, the following charges are hereby established, effective August 17, 2024 26

For the first 1,200 cu. ft. per quarter ~~\$57.00~~ 63.00

For the next 9,000 cu. ft. per quarter ~~\$3.55~~ 3.90 per 100 cu.ft.

For all over 10,200 cu. ft. per quarter ~~\$3.28~~ 3.65 per 100 cu.ft.

QUARTERLY MINIMUM CHARGES

5/8" Meter	\$57.00	<u>63.00</u>
3/4" Meter	88.95	<u>98.10</u>
1" Meter	142.20	<u>156.60</u>
1 ½" Meter	270.00	<u>297.00</u>
2" Meter	435.54	<u>479.70</u>
3" Meter	829.14	<u>917.70</u>
4" Meter	1,222.74	<u>1,355.70</u>
6" Meter	2,403.54	<u>2,669.70</u>
8" Meter	4,765.14	<u>5,297.70</u>

SPRINKLERS	~~\$176.00~~	194.00 per inch per year
PRIVATE HYDRANTS	~~1,412.00~~	1,556.00 each per year
PUBLIC HYDRANTS	~~1,080,000.00~~	1,325,000 per year plus cost for each additional hydrant installed after December 31, 2026

Passed - Vote 7-0

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR APPROVAL OF AN OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT
PERMIT FOR THE L/A BALLOON FESTIVAL**

Council President Chittim opened the hearing to receive public comment and input. Christine Holden noted the correct dates should be August and not July. The Council President then closed the hearing.

VOTE (250-2026)

Motion by Councilor Nagine, seconded by Councilor Harriman:

To conduct a public hearing on an application for an outdoor entertainment event for the L/A Balloon Festival, and to grant a permit for an Outdoor Entertainment Event, as required by the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10, Article 1, Section 10-3, to the City of Lewiston for outdoor music concerts for the L/A Balloon Festival to be held at Simard-Payne Park on August 14-21, contingent upon positive recommendations from the Police Department, Fire Department, Code/Health Officer, and Land Use Inspector regarding compliance with all regulations and compliance with all City ordinances. Passed - Vote 7-0

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR APPROVAL OF AN OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT
PERMIT FOR THE FIDDLERS' RENDEZVOUS**

Council President Chittim opened the hearing to receive public comment and input. No members

of the public spoke for or against this issue. The Council President then closed the hearing.

VOTE (251-2026)

Motion by Councilor Nagine, seconded by Councilor Martel:

To conduct a public hearing on an application for an outdoor entertainment event for the Fiddlers' Rendezvous, and to grant a permit for an Outdoor Entertainment Event, as required by the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10, Article 1, Section 10-3, to L/A Arts for outdoor music concerts for the Fiddlers' Rendezvous to be held at Kennedy Park on August 9, contingent upon positive recommendations from the Police Department, Fire Department, Code/Health Officer, and Land Use Inspector regarding compliance with all regulations and compliance with all City ordinances. Passed - Vote 7-0

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR APPROVAL OF AN OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT
PERMIT FOR THE ARISE LEWISTON EVENT**

Council President Chittim opened the hearing to receive public comment and input. No members of the public spoke for or against this issue. The Council President then closed the hearing.

VOTE (252-2026)

Motion by Councilor Martel, seconded by Councilor Nagine:

To conduct a public hearing on an application for an outdoor entertainment event for the Arise Lewiston event, and to grant a permit for an Outdoor Entertainment Event, as required by the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10, Article 1, Section 10-3, to the Prayer Reform Net organization for outdoor music concerts for the Arise Lewiston event to be held at Kennedy Park on July 18, contingent upon positive recommendations from the Police Department, Fire Department, Code/Health Officer, and Land Use Inspector regarding compliance with all regulations and compliance with all City ordinances.

Passed - Vote 7-0

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR APPROVAL OF AN OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT
PERMIT FOR OUTREACH IN THE PARK EVENT**

Council President Chittim opened the hearing to receive public comment and input. No members of the public spoke for or against this issue. The Council President then closed the hearing.

VOTE (253-2026)

Motion by Councilor Nagine, seconded by Councilor Martel:

To conduct a public hearing on an application for an outdoor entertainment event for the Outreach in the Park event, and to grant a permit for an Outdoor Entertainment Event, as required by the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10, Article 1, Section 10-3, to the First United Pentecostal Church of Lewiston for outdoor music concerts for the Outreach in the Park event to be held at Kennedy Park on July 25 and August 22, contingent upon positive recommendations from the Police Department, Fire Department, Code/Health Officer, and Land Use Inspector

regarding compliance with all regulations and compliance with all City ordinances.

Passed - Vote 7-0

**PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL PASSAGE REGARDING AN AMENDMENT TO THE
PARKS & RECREATION ORDINANCE TO ADD ACCESS TIMES FOR THE SOUTH
LEWISTON LITTLE LEAGUE FIELDS**

Council President Chittim opened the hearing to receive public comment and input. No members of the public spoke for or against this issue. The Council President then closed the hearing.

VOTE (254-2026)

Motion by Councilor Nagine, seconded by Councilor Longchamps:

That the proposed amendment to the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 54 “Parks and Recreation” to add an access time for the South Lewiston Little League Field, receive final passage by a roll call vote. Passed - Vote 7-0

**PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST PASSAGE TO ESTABLISH THE RESIDENTIAL
RENTAL PROPERTIES ORDINANCE AND MOVING THE RENTAL
REGISTRATION SECTION INTO THIS NEW ORDINANCE**

Council President Chittim opened the hearing to receive public comment and input. No members of the public spoke for or against this issue. The Council President then closed the hearing.

VOTE (255-2026)

Motion by Councilor Nagine, seconded by Councilor Martel:

That a new ordinance be created in the City Code of Ordinances designated as Chapter 23 and titled “Residential Rental Properties”, and that the proposed amendment to the “Residential Rental Properties” ordinance to add the code language regarding the Rental Registration program, receive first passage by a roll call vote and to continue the public hearing to the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting. Passed - Vote 7-0

**PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST PASSAGE TO REMOVE THE RENTAL
REGISTRATION SECTION FROM THE BUILDINGS & BUILDING REGULATIONS
ORDINANCE**

Council President Chittim opened the hearing to receive public comment and input. No members of the public spoke for or against this issue. The Council President then closed the hearing.

VOTE (256-2026)

Motion by Councilor Nagine, seconded by Councilor Martel:

That the proposed amendment to the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 18 “Buildings & Building Regulations”, Article VI “Registration Requirement for Multi-Family Buildings”, regarding removal of language pertaining to the Rental Registration program, receive first

passage by a roll call vote and to continue the public hearing to the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting. Passed - Vote 7-0

PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST PASSAGE REGARDING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AMUSEMENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT ORDINANCE TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT PERMITS AND TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO ISSUE THESE PERMITS

Council President Chittim opened the hearing to receive public comment and input. No members of the public spoke for or against this issue. The Council President then closed the hearing.

VOTE (257-2026)

Motion by Councilor Nagine, seconded by Councilor Longchamps:

That the proposed amendment to the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10 “Amusements and Entertainment” to remove the requirement for a public hearing for an Outdoor Entertainment Permit and to authorize city staff to issue these permits, receive first passage by a roll call vote and to continue the public hearing to the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

Passed - Vote 7-0

PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST PASSAGE REGARDING AN AMENDMENT TO THE BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE TO REMOVE THE LIST OF CITY PARKS AND REFER TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION ORDINANCE

Council President Chittim opened the hearing to receive public comment and input. No members of the public spoke for or against this issue. The Council President then closed the hearing.

VOTE (258-2026)

Motion by Councilor Nagine, seconded by Councilor Martel:

That the proposed amendment to the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 22 “Businesses”, Section 22-422 “Definitions” to remove the list of city parks, receive first passage by a roll call vote and to continue the public hearing to the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

Passed - Vote 7-0

PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST PASSAGE FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING AND LAND USE CODE, ARTICLE XI, DISTRICT REGULATIONS FOR CHANGES TO THE NO NAME POND CONSERVATION OVERLAY DISTRICT TO REQUIRE SOIL DISTURBANCE WITHIN BUFFERS TO FOLLOW MAINE DEP REQUIREMENTS

Council President Chittim opened the hearing to receive public comment and input. No members of the public spoke for or against this issue. The Council President then closed the hearing.

VOTE (259-2026)

Motion by Councilor Martel, seconded by Councilor Nagine:

That the proposed amendments to Appendix A of the Code of Ordinances, Zoning and Land Use Code, Article XI, District Regulations for changes to the No Name Pond Conservation Overlay District to require disturbance within buffers to follow DEP requirements, receive first passage by a roll call vote and to continue the public hearing to the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting. Passed - Vote 7-0

ORDER, AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A CREDIT ENHANCEMENT AGREEMENT FOR MARTEL SCHOOL APARTMENTS PHASE III

Acting Director of Development John Blais and Lewiston Housing Authority Director of Development Penn Lyndsay made a presentation to Council regarding this project. Matt Agren, Ward 4 – Suggested holding off on issuing a TIF on Phase 3 until Phase 1 starts construction, since the community has been told for over a year that the construction is starting “soon”.

VOTE (260-2026)

Motion by Councilor Harriman, seconded by Councilor Nagine:

To adopt the Order, Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Credit Enhancement Agreement for Martel School Apartments Phase III:

Whereas, Lewiston Housing Authority has permitted 88 units in the first two phases and plans for 44 more units in phase three containing affordable senior housing at the Former Martel School site; and

Whereas, the City Council desires to support development of new housing in Lewiston of a variety of configurations, family size, and income levels, and particularly affordable housing for seniors; and

Whereas, the development sited at 860-880 Lisbon Street on approximately 3.21 acres of land is anticipated to include three phases of 44 units each, with an anticipated combined future assessed value of \$6.1M; and

Whereas, a credit enhancement agreement general term of (22 Years at 75%) for Phase III of the development, will provide the developer with a revenue stream to support extraordinary development costs;

Now, therefore, be it ordered by the City Council of the City of Lewiston that the City Administrator is authorized to execute and negotiate the proposed Phase III credit enhancement agreement for Martel School Apartments for general term of (22 Years at 75%).

Passed - Vote 7-0

ORDER, APPROVING THE LETTER OF INTENT WITH ECO HOSPITALITY CONSULTANTS

Acting Director of Development John Blais and Developer Chris Thompson made a presentation to the Council regarding this project. The Council had many questions and it was decided to

continue this matter to a later time to allow staff to gain additional material.

VOTE (261-2026)

Motion by Councilor Martel, seconded by Councilor Chittim:

To postpone this item to allow additional time to address concerns raised by the Council.

Passed - Vote 4-3 (Councilors Nagine, Longchamps, and Noble opposed.)

DISCUSSION REGARDING INCLUSION OF EVENTS PERMITS FOR SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMMING ON CITY PROPERTIES AND PARKS

Councilor Nagine expressed concerns with organized groups holding outreach events in city parks without advanced approval from the city, citing concerns with litter left over after events and other related concerns about the use and conditions of the parks after the groups leave. Since these groups do not book use of the parks in advance, the city does not know who to hold responsible for the trash and other issues. The consensus from the Council was to agree to direct city staff to develop recommendations to implement to address the concerns of Councilor Nagine

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No members of the public addressed the Council at this time.

REPORTS AND UPDATES

Councilor Longchamps stated the Public Safety Committee met for the first time today, there was good input from the committee members, and they agreed to meet monthly. Councilor Martel shared that Senior Advisory Council member Louise Samson will help with the groundbreaking of the Martel Schol senior housing project given her advocacy for the project. Council Chittim noted he will bring to the Transit Committee the issue of transportation to Seniors Plus, their next meeting is Monday.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilor Longchamps asked for a status update on the reorganization of the Third Floor department of Economic & Community Development. City Administrator Kaenrath said there is a hope to bring the issue back to Council if alternative funding can be found for the Economic Development Director position. Councilor Chittim said he is working on this project. Several Councilors noted the Council voted in budget sessions to eliminate this position. Councilor Roy encouraged members of the public to email him with ideas on how to move forward on working with youth in the community.

VOTE (262-2026)

Motion by Councilor Martel, seconded by Councilor Nagine:

To adjourn at 10:35 P.M. Passed - Vote 7-0

CITY COUNCIL

JULY 7, 2026

A true record, Attest:

Kathleen M. Montejo, MMC
City Clerk
Lewiston, Maine